

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

Entry of this amendment after final action is in order because it:

1. Clears up formal problems, e.g. cures §112 objections.
2. Places the case prima facie in condition for allowance, e.g. accepts allow claims.

With respect to the §112 rejection:

1. The examiner is completely right about the language of lines 10 and 11 of claim 1. This limitation was supposed to be directed at the outer wheel 9 and outer arm 8, not the inner wheel 6 and main link 7. The claim has been amended to shift this language to where it belongs.
2. Antecedent basis for the language of lines 15-17 can be found in the original application text at lines 15-17 of page 6 which describe how the chain 10 or equivalent structure "hold the outer wheel 9 in the same angular position

relative to the inner wheel 6 regardless of the angular position of the link 7."

Thus the §112 problems are cured.

Claims 2, 8, and 11, which originally depended directly from original claim 1 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Thus claim 1, corrected to overcome the §112 problems, has been amended by inserting into it the subject matter of claim 2 and claim 2 has been canceled, making claim 1 and claims 3-7 also allowable. The subject matter of corrected claim 1 has also been inserted into claims 8 and 11, making them independent and allowable along with dependent claims 9 and 10.

The amendment does not increase the overall number of claims, nor does it put in more than three independent claims, so no extra-claim fee is required.

Thus all of the claims in the case are clearly in condition for allowance and the case is ready for passage to Issue. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

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case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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